



On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

April, 2006 Walk In the Light Volume 6 Issue 2

Melwood is Coming!

Our spring weekends are close at hand and I want to pass on to Sponsors and the Community some of the important details concerning the weekends.

Directions; Melwood is located about 13 miles away from the intersection of Route 301 and Route 6 in La Plata. Go West on Route 6 approximately 11.5 miles. Turn left onto Route 425 and go approximately 2.5 miles. Melwood will be on the right. The sign at the entrance says Melwood in small letters, but has the name **Camp A-Kom-Plish** in large letters. See the picture of the sign and of the Rt. 6/Rt 425 intersection and the map of the site.

From points North of La Plata: Take Route 301 South to La Plata then right onto Route 6 West and follow the directions above.

From St. Mary County: Take Route 5 to Route 6 West to La Plata. Cross Route 301 and follow the directions above.

From points South of La Plata: Take Route 301 North to La Plata then left onto Route 6 West and follow the directions above.

Parking: If the weather is dry, we will be able to park in the field by the basketball court. We can park 8 or 10 cars by the dining hall, and 10 or 15 on the basketball court and some along the road. We **cannot** block the fire lane that loops around the lodges. If more parking is needed for candle light and closing we should park in the big lot by the entrance. . **Carpooling** will be very helpful because parking close to the center is limited.

See Melwood Pg. 5



Rt 6 & Rt. 425 Intersection



Entrance to Melwood



Closeup of Melwood Sign



Spring Walks

Men's Walk # 19 - April 20 -23

Women's Walk # 20 - April 27 -30

Reminder: All walks in 2006 will be held at the Melwood Retreat Center

Fall Walks

Men's Walk # 21 - October 12 - 16

Women's Walk # 22 - October 19-22

This Week: 4/10/2006

Emmaus Community Stats
73 Weekends in
27 States and
3 Countries
33 Women's Weekends and
40 Men's Weekends



Sign up to pray for
our walks (and others)
online at:
www.3dayol.org/Vigil/

Pilgrim and Team Applications and this newsletter
may be downloaded from the web at www.somdemmaus.org
CLICK on "About Us" then CLICK "Documents"



Recurring Events of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

Events are held at Calvary United Methodist Church unless otherwise indicated
3235 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, Maryland

Gatherings: 7:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Next Gathering - May 20.

Gatherings are held monthly on the 3rd Saturday. The next Gathering will be May 20, 2006 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick. NOTE: No Gathering in April.

Board of Directors Meeting: 1:00 p.m April 15, 2006

Board meetings are held prior to the Gathering on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next board meeting will be April 15.

4th Day Seminars

The 4th Day Seminars are held in the spring and in the fall following the men's and women's walks. The next seminar is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, at 4:00 p.m at Trinity UMC in Prince Frederick. Attendance at a 4th Day Seminar is required in order to sponsor pilgrims, and highly recommended for those who wish to team.



Southern Maryland Emmaus Community Reunion & Accountability Groups

The Reunion Group Coordinator, Clark Holmes, would like to hear about any active Groups in Southern Maryland. If you are having difficulty finding a Reunion Group, contact Clark Holmes, janmhol@verizon.net. Experience the 4th Day feeling with your fellow Emmaus travelers.

Bethel UMC, Upper Marlboro
Men & Women - Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Calvary UMC, Waldorf
Men Tuesday - 7:15 p.m.
Women Thursday - 5:00 p.m. (Panera's)

First UMC, Laurel
Men Saturday - 7:00 a.m.
Women Saturday - 8:30 a.m.

Lexington Park UMC
Men Thursday - 12:00 p.m.
Women Thursday - 12:00 p.m.

Waters UMC, St. Leonard
Pastors Tuesday - 1:00 p.m.

Common Grounds Coffee Shop, Pr. Frederick
Men Friday - 7:30 a.m.
Women Friday - 6:15 a.m.

Lexington Park UMC, Lexington Park
Men Sunday - 6:00 p.m.
Women Sunday - 6:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd UMC, Waldorf
Women Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Call 301-653-7570 for directions (not at church)

Southern Calvert County Region
Southern Pines Community Center Senior's Lounge
Women Saturday - 9:00 a.m.

Living Springs Christian Fellowship, Bowie
Co-ed Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.

La Plata UMC, La Plata
Women Tuesday 12:00 p.m.
Men Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

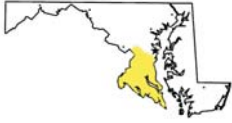
www.somdemmaus.org

Have you registered yet? You need to register in order to access the members only area of our new website. This area will have items of interest to our members, as well as profiles of all those who have registered. Let us know what you would like to see in the members area as well as the public areas of the site. Register today.



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Deadline for next issue is June 3, 2006. The preferred method of submission is as an MSWord document file or a WordPerfect file sent via e-mail to the following address: Newsletter@somdemmaus.org. Very short articles or notes may be sent in the body of the e-mail message. Please send your comments and recommendations as well to the editor, Dan Brennan, at the e-mail address above.



Southern Maryland Emmaus - Leadership & Service



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Southern Maryland Emmaus is affiliated with the International Emmaus Movement of The Upper Room, Nashville, Tn. Emmaus is a program offering of Upper Room Ministries of The United Methodist Church. Our purpose is to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian Action.

Please contact the POC for your church as listed in this newsletter if you are not receiving the newsletter. If your church does not currently have a POC, please prayerfully consider volunteering for that role.

Melwood from Pg. 1

Sponsors will deliver pilgrims to the Kelly building by 7:00 for check in and room assignments then the pilgrims will be taken to their rooms to drop off their luggage. Finally, sponsors will bring pilgrims to the dining hall for send off. **Sponsor hour** will be set up in the small part of the dining hall.

For **Candle Light**, the community will gather in the dining hall at 8:00

Closing will begin at 4:00 in the dining hall.

If you have any questions please call me, Len Lent at 301-475-8207 or Email mrlent@hotmail.com

Support Our Upcoming Walks!

- ☉ Here's how you can support the Men's or Women's Walk through acts of prayer, sacrifice, and service:
- ☉ Sign-up to pray on the 72-hour prayer vigil at www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml
- ☉ Volunteer to set-up, serve, and clean-up dinner on Saturday of either Walk
- ☉ Make table/bed Agape – 45 pieces of non-personalized trinkets or placemats
- ☉ Write personal letters to Pilgrims and/or Team members
- ☉ Attend Candlelight (Saturday 8:00 p.m.) and Closing (Sunday 4:00 p.m.)

The Pilgrims will be incredibly blessed by your acts of Agape! Remember?

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Diane Walker, Agape Coordinator, at redruth@mindspring.com or (301)862-9280. Thank you for being a channel for God's Grace!



De Colores

99 verses and counting

Sure, you all know the story of the rickety bus, and the band of pilgrims stranded by the side of the road that gave birth to the beloved song we fondly call *De colores*.

And sure, you can sing the verses in our purple books perfectly, and can imitate the animals referenced with an uncanny realism.

But could you do what those early pilgrims did? Could you write a verse of the song yourself?

Put on your brightest Emmaus shirt, get out the piano or guitar and start writing a new verse to the song. Then e-mail it to communications@somdemmaus.org. We'll take the best and print them for the community, and who knows, one day at a gathering, we might all be singing your original verse.

Here's some of the animals you have to work with, feel free to add your own:



Roosters



Cluck Hens



Babe Chicks



Southern Maryland Emmaus - Leadership & Service

Most Southern Maryland Committees are chaired by members of the Board of Directors, but service on those committees is open to all community mem-

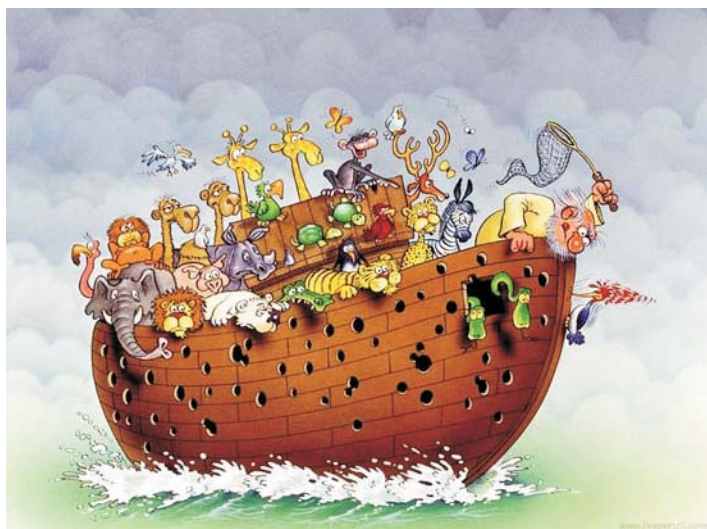
AGAPE Support	Diane Walker	Newsletter	Dan Brennan
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Community Historian	Jacque Benjamin	Prayer Vigil Coordinator	Kay Priest
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Entertainment	Diane Walker	Team Selection Coordinator	Laura Yax & Linda Flannigan
Facility Representative	John Carns	Fourth Day Seminar	Board Reps from walks
Gathering Coordinator	Linda Flanagan	Pilgrim Selection	Laura Yax Roy Downs
Supply	Dru McLaughlin	Music Director	Janet Goodwin/David French
Comm. Lay Director	Marilynne Landweer	Sponsorship	Alan Wilkerson/Len Lent

**Communications includes e-mail, P/POC, Web, Directory and Newsletter sub committees*

Calling All Roosters And Rainbows

Let's line the walk to Saturday dinner with lots of roosters and rainbows!

As you shop through the lawn and garden department of your local stores be on the lookout for objects like colorful windsocks and lawn ornaments that could be used to decorate this festive evening. Send them in with team members or drop them off at the camp no later than Saturday morning. DeColores!



Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark.



**June 9 - 10, 2006
Emmaus/Chrysalis
Celebration in
Virginia Beach, VA**

Mark your calendars now for this Emmaus/Chrysalis event, to be held at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach, VA.

Location:
Virginia Beach
United Methodist Church
212 19th Street
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Hosted by the Tidewater Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities. Sponsored by The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis.

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Please Review

Please review the list above and help us to insure that your church is properly represented by an Prayer Point of Contact. If you spot errors or omissions, please e-mail the corrections to: communications@somdemmaus.org.



“Brothers [and sisters], I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14, NIV)

This has been one of my favorite verses in the Bible for a long, long time. I guess it helps me remember that I do need to forget my past failures and mistakes and keep pressing on toward God’s purpose and call in my life. I don’t know about you, but this is often difficult for me to do, especially when things don’t turn out the way “I” expected them to turn out. I tend to dwell on my hurts and disappointments – that just makes me even more angry or upset, which is very unhealthy and can even lead to physical illness.

I often forget that God is there in the midst of those difficult times and that I can grow and learn through them. It is during difficult times that not only do I find out more about others, but, most importantly, I find out more about myself. No matter how hard I try, I know that I am not perfect. I hate to admit it, but I do make mistakes. Unfortunately and unintentionally, I know that I have hurt others by my words and actions. It really upsets me when I do this – I don’t want to be the reason others are hurt. One of the most difficult things I have had to do is apologize for something wrong that I did to someone else. It was unintentional, so I didn’t even realize that I had done it until the Holy Spirit convicted me – I will never ever forget that experience. It was difficult for me to admit my mistake and ask forgiveness because I was afraid the other person would never forgive me and would no longer like me. But, as a Christian, I knew I had to admit my guilt and ask forgiveness. Whether or not the other person forgave me was that person’s choice.

What a humbling experience that was – not only did the person forgive me, but has continued to love me. That is true Christian love. Jesus said “A new command I give you: Love one another.. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men [and

women] will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” Praise God that God forgives us and still loves us when we admit our mistakes and ask forgiveness. I know the person who forgave me is one of Jesus’ disciples. This person loves me, even though I did something that hurt this person.

Have you experienced that sort of Christian love in your life? Have you had to forgive someone or have someone forgive you and experience God’s grace, mercy, and love through that experience? That is what Christian love is all about. It is only through reconciliation and God’s grace and love that we can “forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead.” We can “press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called [us] heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

DeColores!
Marilynne Landweer
Community Lay Director

Upcoming weekends:

Men’s Weekend April 20 – 23

Women’s Weekend April 27 – 30

Both weekends will be held at Melwood Retreat Center in Nanjemoy.

No Gathering in April – we will Gather for Candlelight and Closing at Melwood instead.

Change in location for May Fourth Day Seminar and Gathering. We will be meeting at 4:00 pm at Trinity UMC in Prince Frederick for our next Fourth Day Seminar on May 20th. There will be a potluck at 6:00 pm and a mini-Gathering at 7:00 pm. Sponsors – you are responsible for getting your pilgrims to the Fourth Day Seminar and the Gathering on May 20th. Remember – this is part of sponsorship.

Directions to Trinity will be e-mailed to the community.

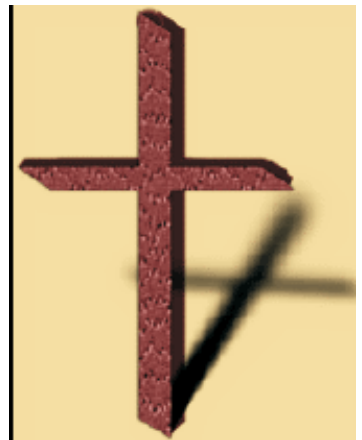


What's Become of Your Dying Moment?

Remember your walk? Whether it was here in Southern Maryland or somewhere else in the global Emmaus community, we all shared one special time during the weekend when we were asked an important question. We were reminded that in order to make room for Christ we needed to eliminate something that was not right in our lives. We called it "Dying Moments."

Do you remember approaching the altar and thinking to yourself about the significance of this opportunity? Do you remember speaking aloud, or writing down the special burden you wanted to leave behind? Now, as you look back on that moment, what has become of the burden? Did you indeed lay it down? Did you give it to the Lord to handle? Or are you still carrying it with you?

The wonder of being a Christian is that we always have a second chance with God. You can stand before Christ at any time and choose to give him your burdens, he will lift them from you. Need another Dying Moment? It's waiting for you right now.



- the Editor

Applications Due for Fall Walks

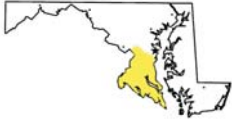
Team Applications are due by May 6

Pilgrim Applications must be received by August 12

Applications may be downloaded from www.somdemmaus.org
or you may pick them up at any of our gatherings.

And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them.





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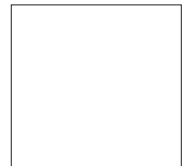
"Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32

Information on the Southern Maryland Walk to Emmaus, as well as pilgrim and team applications may be found on our website:
www.somdemmaus.org

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